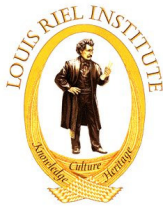


## Barsou or Baby Swing:



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“*Aen barsou*” is a baby swing that was made using two pieces of small diameter rope strung like hammock strings across the room, usually hung at night above the parents bed. A wood stretcher was inserted at the head end to keep the ropes apart. A blanket was then wound over the ropes to fashion a hammock for the baby to lie in. When the Metis camped out to pick seneca root or berries the barsou was hung between the tent posts of their wall tents.



A baby in a barsou at a rice picking camp in the Whiteshell area of Manitoba (PAM).



Parks Canada: close-up of a barsou.



Parks Canada: Riel House in Winnipeg, the baby hammock or “wewepisoni” can be seen on the left.



Barsou hanging in a lean-to on the trail.